MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). India and the European Commission have, under a Memorandum of Technical Cooperation, signed in October, 1990 agreed to set up a software Engineering Centre in India with the objective of increasing software exports to Europe and to build capabilities in India in the field of software Engineering so as to improve the competitive edge of the Indian Software Industry. The National Centre for Software Technology has been identified as the implementing agency to set up this Centre.

Import of Silk Fabrics

3847. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy for import of fabrics including Silk fabrics under Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate (DEEC) duty free import licensing to ensure that the imported fabrics is actually used in the export of garments;

(b) whether the Government are aware that both in Calcutta and Delhi large scale imports of silk fabrics have been made and sold in domestic markets; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Under Duty Exemption Scheme of the Import & Export Policy 1990–93 (Vol. I) the import of fabrics including silk fabrics is allowed only for manufacture and export of resultant products or for replenishment.

(b) and (c). The import under the above scheme is allowed with actual users condition. The Government is not aware of any misuse.

[*Translation*]

Complaints about Wasteful Expenditure In NTC

3849. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding the wasteful expenditure in National textile Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Government receives from time to time general and specific complaints about wasteful expenditure in National textile Corporation.

(c) Wherever specific complaints of wasteful expenditure have been made, they have been looked into and appropriate action taken, wherever necessary.

[*English*]

Ordnance Factory, Saintala

3850. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned till date for the construction of ordnance factory at Saintala (Badamal) in Orissa;

(b) the total estimated cost of the said project; and